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For: PRINTING CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PRINTING SYSTEM) May 30, 2002

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Japanese Patent Application No. 08-207382 relates to a printing system comprising a printer and a information processing apparatus which can communicate mutually. In this document, the information processing apparatus requires the information of paper sizes of the printer for printing. In response to the request, the printer transmits the information of a plurality of paper sizes in the printer to the information processing apparatus.

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However, this document fails to teach or suggest at least the "limitation means for limiting, on the basis of the paper feed tray selected by said selection means, a usable staplable position among the plurality of staplable positions", as recited in the present invention.

FEE STATEMENT

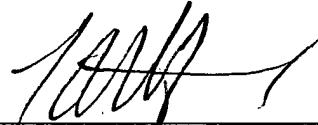
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of an Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith the Information Disclosure Statement fee of \$180.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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